



Crop Progress and Condition

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Idaho Precipitation Spotted, Harvests Switching Gears

Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.3. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 6% very poor, 21% poor, 32% fair, 33% good, and 8% excellent. Low temperatures were reported at 23 degrees in the south central region and a high temperature of 92 degrees in the southwest region with a statewide temperature differential of 9 degrees below normal to 4 degrees above normal. The cereal harvests were almost completed, and early winter wheat planting continued. Southeastern Idaho had mostly dry weather with some rainfalls which helped keep the pastures green. Much of the southeastern harvest was wrapping up except for corn which was just beginning. Most of the corn crop for silage was looking very good during the reporting week. Most of the vines on the potatoes were killed. Potato harvests were expected to start in the coming weeks. The livestock remained in very good condition. Southwestern Idaho experienced cooler weather and precipitation which improved the pasture conditions. The fresh onion harvest progressed quickly. Storage onions were still in the field. Parts of northern Idaho finally received measurable precipitation which improved the pastures in need of water. The state sugarbeet harvest began this week. Idaho crops remained in a good state as the harvest began to taper down.

Fall Weather Conditions Rolled into Washington

There were 6.1 days suitable for work. Pasture conditions were reported as 37% very poor, 31% poor, 16% fair and 16% good. Scattered showers continued throughout western Washington; comments continued to report the need of rain to help subsoil conditions. Rain benefited pastures waking up, sprouting and renewing grass growth. Haylage and green chop continued to come off fields. Corn for grain, sweet corn, potato, and early apple variety harvest continued. Plums were being harvested during the week. Temperatures were cooler than normal with reported scattered showers throughout central Washington. Pastures still continue to be reported as short due to extreme dry conditions throughout the season. There were reports of ranchers bringing cattle home off summer pasture and feeding them hay earlier than expected. Areas that received rain were hopeful for more rain to benefit pastures and fall seeding. Fall seeding began with some reports that wheat plantings having emerged. Fruit stands were busy with vegetable and fruit sales. Grape, hop and apple harvests were well underway throughout the district. Low temperatures provided relief for fire fighters. Good precipitation was received near the end of the week in east central Washington. Some farms will need to reseed winter wheat because soil crusting will prevent seedlings from emerging. Rain at the end of the week delayed most harvest. Southeastern Washington reported cooler temperatures with scattered showers. Producers continue to welcome more rain to help with fall seeding. Field prepping continued throughout the district.

Crop Harvests Were Going Strong as Rains Reduced Fire Dangers in Oregon

There were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Pasture and range conditions were reported to be 25% very poor, 39% poor, 30% fair, and 6% good. In the northwestern region, corn silage harvest was underway in Clatsop County. Much needed rains and cooler temperatures improved pastures in Columbia County. Peach and prune harvests were near the end. Lots of apples were on the trees and growers were getting ready for the hazelnut harvest. In Linn, Benton and Lincoln Counties, grass seed planting was well underway. The rains lowered fire dangers allowing more farm activities to be done. Low stream flows caused irrigation rights to be cut off in Polk County. Field corn was nearing harvest, most berries were finished, sweet corn harvest continued and some fall grains were being irrigated for germination in Washington County. The low temperature was 42 degrees and a high of 89 degrees with .75 inches of rain. In the northcentral region, seasonable temperatures and intermittent rain prevailed through the week. Winter pear harvest was underway in the lower and middle Hood River Valley while the upper valley prepared for harvest. Sherman and Wasco County cereal grains were in need of rain. In the northeastern region, parts of the county received measurable amounts of rain but overall the county is still very, very dry. Fall potato harvest was ramping up and corn silage continued to be packed. Only .25 inches or less of rain was reported. Air quality was much improved. In the southeastern region, carrot seed harvest began. Third cutting hay was also underway and wheat harvest was over. A couple of vineyards developed Canker this spring/summer and even though it was dealt with, the amount of harvestable fruit for this year and next year was impacted. The vines have been pruned and were growing back. Rain settled the dust but impacted some hay across the region as well. Potatoes were almost ready. The first frost of the season arrived over the weekend. In the southwestern region, spotty showers and cooler temperatures lowered the fire danger with only .10 - .20 inches of rain reported. The cool, damp air brought an increased risk of Botrytis molds growing in the ripening wine grape clusters. Harvest was held off due to cooler temperatures which slowed ripening. Harvest would commence once warmer temperatures return. Winter pear harvest for Comice and D'Anjou would begin soon. Early variety apple harvest went quickly with Gala and Gravenstein complete. Red and Golden Delicious were coloring well and harvest was expected soon. Field work was going well and farmers prepared grounds for fall planted grain and cover crops. Planting would start with the first good rain. Fall like weather arrived late in the week and some rain fell, but it was still very dry and irrigation supplies were nearly gone.

Soil Moisture and Irrigation Water Supply — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/06/15

Item and State	Very short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Idaho	13	45	38	4
Oregon	38	46	16	-
Washington.....	25	40	35	-
Subsoil moisture				
Idaho	13	46	41	-
Oregon	39	47	14	-
Washington.....	29	44	27	-

- Represents zero.

Crop Condition — Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: Week Ending 09/06/15

Crop and State	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Potatoes					
Idaho	1	8	18	58	15
Oregon	-	2	34	55	9
Washington.....	1	2	24	53	20
Corn					
Idaho	-	-	12	83	5
Oregon	1	1	35	56	7
Washington.....	2	4	41	45	8
Onions					
Oregon	-	1	16	75	8
Washington.....	-	2	13	64	21

- Represents zero.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Idaho: September 1 - September 7, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
NORTH														
Coeur d' Alene	37	76	58	-8	58	-47	0.35	+0.07	3	0.19	-0.05	79	2	
Fenn	45	85	60	-7	69	-41	1.19	+0.76	5	0.88	+0.51	238	4	
Lewiston	42	84	62	-8	83	-49	0.55	+0.40	4	0.54	+0.42	450	3	
Bonnors Ferry	43	73	57	-6	50	-34	0.58	+0.34	3	0.28	+0.08	140	2	
Nezperce	32	82	52	-9	32	-45	0.68	+0.40	5	0.63	+0.39	263	4	
SOUTHWEST														
Boise	39	87	62	-7	88	-45	0.04	-0.10	2	0.04	-0.08	33	2	
Emmett	36	89	62	-7	86	-41	0.13	-0.01	2	0.13	+0.01	108	2	
Glenns Ferry	37	92	64	-3	100	-18	0.01	-0.06	1	0.01	-0.05	17	1	
Grand View	35	92	63	-4	94	-24	0.00	-0.12	0	0.00	-0.11	0	0	
Nampa	36	85	61	-6	77	-35	0.01	-0.08	1	0.01	-0.07	13	1	
Parma	37	91	62	-5	87	-27	0.01	-0.13	1	0.01	-0.11	8	1	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Fairfield	23	86	56	-5	52	-23	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.12	0	0	
Malta	26	91	60	-3	75	-14	0.02	-0.19	2	0.02	-0.16	11	2	
Picabo	26	88	59	-1	66	-4	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.12	0	0	
Rupert	33	87	60	-5	72	-26	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.12	0	0	
Twin Falls	37	90	61	-3	80	-11	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.12	0	0	
EAST														
Aberdeen	34	87	62	+2	85	+8	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.12	0	0	
Ashton	24	85	58	-1	67	+4	0.01	-0.25	1	0.01	-0.21	5	1	
Fort Hall	33	89	61	+1	81	+4	0.00	-0.15	0	0.00	-0.12	0	0	
Idaho Falls	36	88	64	+2	97	+13	0.00	-0.15	0	0.00	-0.12	0	0	
Lava Hot Springs	31	85	62	+1	91	+6	0.04	-0.24	1	0.04	-0.20	17	1	
Monteview	28	84	57	-5	52	-23	0.00	-0.15	0	0.00	-0.13	0	0	
Preston	36	90	67	+4	118	+25	0.04	-0.24	1	0.04	-0.20	17	1	
Rexburg	31	88	61	+0	77	+3	0.04	-0.14	2	0.04	-0.11	27	2	

Crop Progress — Idaho: Week Ending 09/06/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Spring wheat harvested	93	92	74	77
Winter wheat planted	8	2	-	4
Barley harvested	93	89	83	81
Potatoes harvested	9	8	6	6
Sugarbeets harvested	2	(NA)	3	1
Field corn harvested for silage	20	13	33	13
Dry edible beans harvested	60	43	31	25
Onions harvested	63	55	5	24
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	83	62	71	63
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	25	3	-	12

-Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Washington: September 1 - September 7, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
WEST														
Bellingham.....	43	67	57	-4	53	-24	2.01	+1.70	6	1.57	+1.31	604	5	
Everett.....	45	67	57	-5	50	-31	1.50	+1.09	6	1.37	+1.01	381	5	
Hoquiam.....	45	68	59	-2	67	-10	1.46	+0.96	4	1.34	+0.91	312	3	
Kelso.....	47	70	61	-4	76	-19	0.48	+0.03	5	0.43	+0.04	110	4	
Olympia.....	40	71	58	-3	60	-19	0.43	+0.06	5	0.40	+0.08	125	4	
Sea-Tac.....	48	69	60	-5	68	-29	0.43	+0.13	3	0.43	+0.17	165	3	
Shelton.....	38	71	58	-6	55	-34	1.01	+0.57	6	0.87	+0.49	229	5	
Tacoma.....	41	71	59	-5	61	-29	0.61	+0.26	4	0.61	+0.31	203	4	
Vancouver.....	47	76	62	-5	83	-33	0.36	+0.04	3	0.36	+0.08	129	3	
CENTRAL														
Ellensburg.....	38	80	60	-4	71	-22	0.01	-0.07	1	0.01	-0.05	17	1	
Omak.....	39	79	61	-5	82	-32	0.01	-0.13	1	0.01	-0.11	8	1	
Stampede Pass.....	35	60	50	-6	9	-33	1.35	+0.54	6	1.15	+0.45	164	5	
Wenatchee.....	50	80	63	-6	93	-38	0.38	+0.28	1	0.38	+0.30	475	1	
Yakima AP.....	40	81	61	-3	81	-19	0.00	-0.13	0	0.00	-0.12	0	0	
NORTHEAST														
Colville.....	37	74	59	-4	66	-23	0.69	+0.45	5	0.43	+0.23	215	4	
Deer Park.....	34	75	56	-5	49	-29	0.30	+0.05	2	0.30	+0.09	143	2	
Kettle Falls.....	39	74	58	-8	55	-47	0.40	+0.12	3	0.38	+0.14	158	2	
Spokane.....	43	75	57	-8	48	-50	0.53	+0.38	2	0.53	+0.41	442	2	
EAST CENTRAL														
Ephrata.....	44	79	62	-8	84	-54	0.06	-0.01	2	0.06	+0.00	100	2	
Lind.....	35	78	59	-8	62	-52	0.51	+0.43	2	0.51	+0.45	850	2	
Moses Lake.....	38	80	62	-8	87	-51	0.09	+0.02	2	0.09	+0.03	150	2	
Quincy.....	42	82	62	-6	82	-39	0.18	+0.10	2	0.18	+0.12	300	2	
Ritzville.....	39	76	57	-8	53	-52	0.98	+0.84	3	0.92	+0.80	767	2	
SOUTHEAST														
Hanford.....	44	82	64	-8	104	-53	0.03	-0.04	1	0.03	-0.03	50	1	
Lake Bryan Rice.....	43	84	62	-3	88	-17	0.67	+0.53	2	0.67	+0.55	558	2	
Pasco.....	39	84	65	-6	105	-37	0.08	+0.00	2	0.08	+0.01	114	2	
Pullman.....	36	79	57	-7	50	-41	0.58	+0.37	3	0.56	+0.38	311	2	
Silcott Island.....	45	86	64	-6	98	-34	0.46	+0.31	2	0.46	+0.34	383	2	
Walla Walla.....	44	83	63	-8	92	-54	0.89	+0.72	3	0.89	+0.74	593	3	
Whitman Mission.....	36	83	62	-4	86	-21	0.90	+0.76	4	0.85	+0.73	708	3	

Crop Progress — Washington: Week Ending 09/06/15

Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted.....	19	9	16	19
Potatoes harvested.....	47	35	55	39
Field corn doughed.....	98	89	84	58
Field corn dented.....	39	29	47	29
Field corn mature.....	5	-	1	5
Field corn harvested for silage.....	13	9	3	6
Dry edible beans harvested.....	77	59	58	37
Onions harvested.....	76	50	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting.....	99	93	72	65
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting.....	29	27	17	12

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-Represents zero.

Weekly Weather Statistics — Oregon: September 1 - September 7, 2015

Weather station	Air temperature				Growing degree days		Last week precipitation			Season cumulative precipitation				
	Low	Hi	AVG	DFN	Base 50		Total inches	DFN	Days	Total inches	DFN	Percent normal	Days	
					Total	DFN								
COASTAL AREAS														
Astoria	46	67	60	-2	69	-1	1.64	+1.19	6	1.56	+1.17	400	5	
Bandon	44	71	58	-1	61	-2	0.25	-0.05	2	0.25	-0.01	96	2	
Florence	39	71	57	-4	52	-25	0.05	-0.34	1	0.05	-0.29	15	1	
North Bend.....	48	72	61	+1	75	+5	0.00	-0.29	0	0.00	-0.25	0	0	
Tillamook	41	70	59	+0	64	+2	0.29	-0.33	4	0.29	-0.25	54	4	
WILLAMETTE VALLEY														
Aurora.....	44	78	61	-4	81	-22	0.03	-0.29	1	0.03	-0.25	11	1	
Corvallis	40	77	60	-6	69	-39	0.28	+0.00	2	0.28	+0.04	117	2	
Detroit Lake	42	78	58	-7	57	-42	0.36	-0.23	6	0.36	-0.15	71	6	
Eugene	39	80	61	-4	78	-24	0.25	-0.06	3	0.25	-0.02	93	3	
Hillsboro.....	39	75	59	-8	62	-47	0.19	-0.11	5	0.19	-0.07	73	5	
McMinnville	43	75	60	-5	74	-31	0.28	+0.06	4	0.28	+0.09	147	4	
Portland	49	76	62	-5	86	-30	0.20	-0.12	3	0.20	-0.08	71	3	
Salem	47	78	62	-4	88	-18	0.00	-0.26	0	0.00	-0.23	0	0	
SOUTHWESTERN VALLEYS														
Grants Pass	42	87	62	-5	87	-26	0.04	-0.10	1	0.04	-0.08	33	1	
Medford	44	86	64	-6	100	-37	0.11	-0.03	2	0.11	-0.01	92	2	
Roseburg	47	82	64	-5	98	-31	0.09	-0.12	2	0.09	-0.09	50	2	
NORTH CENTRAL														
Condon	38	80	58	-5	57	-27	0.54	+0.40	5	0.43	+0.31	358	4	
Echo	43	83	63	-5	96	-31	0.20	+0.12	2	0.20	+0.14	333	2	
Heppner	40	78	58	-8	60	-50	0.15	+0.01	1	0.15	+0.03	125	1	
Hermiston	39	83	64	-5	98	-29	0.17	+0.09	1	0.17	+0.11	283	1	
Madras.....	36	82	56	-7	45	-46	0.00	-0.07	0	0.00	-0.06	0	0	
Moro	38	74	57	-7	49	-45	0.00	-0.08	0	0.00	-0.06	0	0	
Parkdale	44	78	62	+0	83	+2	0.25	+0.04	3	0.25	+0.07	139	3	
Pendleton	39	81	60	-9	72	-53	0.65	+0.51	4	0.65	+0.53	542	4	
Prairie City	29	82	52	-6	26	-26	0.53	+0.27	4	0.53	+0.31	241	4	
The Dalles	45	81	63	-8	93	-52	0.04	-0.04	1	0.04	-0.02	67	1	
SOUTH CENTRAL														
Agency Lake	22	87	52	-8	24	-37	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.12	0	0	
Bend	34	88	55	-5	43	-23	0.10	-0.03	1	0.10	-0.02	83	1	
Burns	28	85	54	-6	35	-31	0.14	+0.06	3	0.14	+0.08	233	3	
Christmas Valley	25	84	51	-8	23	-39	0.13	-0.01	2	0.13	+0.01	108	2	
Klamath Falls	29	83	55	-7	39	-37	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.12	0	0	
Lakeview.....	26	83	54	-9	37	-48	0.17	+0.03	2	0.17	+0.05	142	2	
Lorella.....	23	84	53	-8	28	-39	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.12	0	0	
Redmond	31	83	52	-11	23	-67	0.01	-0.12	1	0.01	-0.11	8	1	
Worden	25	82	52	-9	24	-52	0.00	-0.14	0	0.00	-0.12	0	0	
NORTHEAST														
Baker City	27	86	54	-8	37	-45	0.41	+0.20	2	0.41	+0.23	228	2	
Joseph	35	82	55	-6	35	-38	0.60	+0.32	2	0.60	+0.36	250	2	
La Grande.....	34	84	57	-7	51	-47	0.79	+0.58	2	0.79	+0.61	439	2	
Imbler.....	32	85	55	-7	39	-44	0.85	+0.64	5	0.85	+0.67	472	5	
SOUTHEAST														
Ontario.....	38	88	63	-5	90	-33	0.12	+0.05	2	0.12	+0.06	200	2	
Rome.....	33	90	60	-5	68	-30	0.00	-0.09	0	0.00	-0.07	0	0	

Summary based on NWS data.

Season cumulative precipitation starts: September 1, 2014.

DFN = Departure from normal.

NA = Data not available.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches.

Precipitation days= Days with precipitation of 0.01 inch or more.

Air temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

Normals period 1971-2000 used in DFN calculations.

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Crop and activity	Percent completed			
	This week	Last week	Last year	5 Year average
Winter wheat planted	2	(NA)	-	2
Potatoes harvested.....	49	47	(NA)	(NA)
Field corn harvested for silage	13	11	(NA)	(NA)
Dry edible beans harvested	55	10	(NA)	(NA)
Onions harvested	60	34	(NA)	(NA)
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	88	78	78	62
Alfalfa hay 4th cutting	26	11	2	(NA)

-Represents zero.

(NA) Not available.

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